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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/711,428	Applicant(s) HOLLAND ET AL.	
	Examiner James R. Bidwell	Art Unit 3651	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-10, 14-17, 23, 25-33 and 36-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 11-13, 24, 34 and 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-10, 14-17, 23-33 and 36-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brumby (U.S. Patent 5,074,407).

Brumby shows in Figure 2 a liner 13 adhesively attached to a conveying surface.

Re claim 2, the type of material disclosed for the liner can be considered inherently embossed as is broadly claimed.

Re claim 3, the liner may be peeled off.

Re claims 5-7, the liner is disclosed as coming from this wide range of groups.

Re claim 8, the adhesive must be one of these.

Re claims 9 and 10, the disclosed adhesive fully anticipates these well known and conventional adhesives.

Re claim 14, the shown thickness fully anticipates the claimed dimension.

Re claim 15, the disclosed roller conveyor would be made of stainless steel.

Re claim 16, at least one of these is disclosed.

Re claim 17, the disclosed resin material is typically coated.

Re claim 23, the surface is stationary.

Re claim 25, the liner is adhesively attached.

Re claim 26, as per claim 2 rejection.

Re claim 27, as per claim 3 rejection.

Re claims 28-30, as per rejection of claims 5-7.

Re claim 31, as per claim 8 rejection.

Re claims 32 and 33, as per rejection of claims 9 and 10.

Re claim 36, as per claim 14 rejection.

Re claim 37, as per claim 15 rejection.

Re claim 38, these are all disclosed.

Re claim 39, as per claim 23 rejection.

Re claim 40, as per claim 17 rejection.

Re claim 41, resin is a lubricating composition.

Re claim 42, articles are conveyed.

Claims 4, 11-13, 24, 34 and 35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 18-22 are allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Bidwell whose telephone number is (571)272-6910. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues.-Fri. from 6:30 to 4:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene O. Crawford, can be reached on 571-272-6911. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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